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### **Attorney General Darrell V. McGraw Jr. Announces Joint Program to Test Items Available to Children Which Might Contain Lead**

Attorney General Darrell V. McGraw Jr. today announced a joint program with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Environmental Health Services and Astar Abatement, Inc. of Charleston to establish testing points around the state to test items available to children which might contain lead.

“It has become clear over the last several months that foreign made products, some of which like toys and inexpensive children’s jewelry targeted towards children, contain dangerous levels of lead,” McGraw stated.

Children under the age of six are particularly vulnerable. Lead is toxic if ingested and its ingestion can cause serious health problems such as reduction of IQ, reduced mental ability and behavioral problems.

McGraw’s office in cooperation with DHHR and Astar will have trained personnel at various locations around the state in the coming months to test any childrens’ items people may wish to have tested for lead content. The first testing site will be at the Morgan County Fair on Saturday, August 4th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The booth will be located at Berkeley Springs High School. The public is urged to review lists of items found to contain lead and remove them from childrens’ access and to bring any suspect items for free testing.

Lists of toys and jewelry recalled due to lead content may be found at the following websites:

[www.wvago.gov](http://www.wvago.gov)

[www.wvdhhr.org/rtia/lead.asp](http://www.wvdhhr.org/rtia/lead.asp)

[www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html)

McGraw cautions that these lists contain only those items which have already been found to contain lead and other items are “undoubtedly out there.”

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